

Aquatic Invasive Species Advisory Council Recommendations on
Michigan's Aquatic Invasive Species State Management Plan Update

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The Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Advisory Council met on June 21, 2012, to discuss Michigan's draft Aquatic Invasive Species State Management Plan Update. Fourteen of the 19 voting members participated in the discussion (12 in person and 2 via phone) and reached consensus on the following recommendations. Following the meeting, all council members had the opportunity to review the recommendations prior to submission. These recommendations are provided pursuant to Section 41407 Final Update to Plan; recommendations; report, of Part 414, Aquatic Invasive Species Advisory Council, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

- The AIS Advisory Council reviewed, discussed, and provided edits to the definition of AIS contained in the introduction and revised text provided to the council on June 20, 2012. The text immediately following the definition was revised to reflect the information contained in the "Invasive Species Definition Clarification and Guidance White Paper Submitted by the Definitions Subcommittee of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC) approved by ISAC on April 27, 2006)."¹ Revised text is attached. The council also briefly discussed the terms "aquatic" and "non-native," but did not have recommendations for modifications in the SMP. The AIS Advisory Council recommends the changes to the definition and following text be carried out through the rest of the SMP. In particular, the word "societal" should be removed or language should be revised. In addition, the list of taxa covered by the plan, section 1.1 Purpose of the Plan, should be consistent with statute administered by the Department of Natural Resources (e.g. language such as "fish, reptiles, amphibians, mollusks, and crustaceans").
- The AIS Advisory Council supports the 4 goals of the AIS SMP as written. The AIS Advisory Council recommends the departments interact with appropriate partners, including affected industries, in the implementation of the SMP.
- The AIS Advisory Council recommends the SMP authors review examples given throughout the SMP and ensure fair treatment of industries used in examples.
- The AIS Advisory Council recommends the addition of language to the SMP to recognize the costs to partners, including industries, for the prevention and management and control of AIS. Specifically, a clarifying statement should be added to the implementation table.

¹ http://www.invasivespecies.gov/global/ISAC/ISAC_whitepapers.html